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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated August 6, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Species A, Figures 1-6, and Subspecies a1, Figures 6a-7b, 9a, and 10a. Applicants confirm that claims 1-4, 9, 11, 12, 16-24, and 31 are readable on the elected Species A, and that claims 1-4, 9, 11, 12, 16-19, 21, 22 and 31 are readable on the elected Subspecies a1. Applicants believe that claims 1-4, 11, 12, 17-19, 22, and 31 are generic for all species.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing this Response to Election/Restriction Requirement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0388 (Order No. KASAP042).

Respectfully submitted,

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